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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"I am really sorry that, in spite of my assurance, I have not been able to carry it out. I have taken it seriously and I am looking into the matter."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—"Is the delay in payment of travelling allowance due to delay of claims or is it due to the sluggishness in the working of the office?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"The main reason given by the officials is that the present address of the claimant is not known. I do not think that should be a difficulty which could be put as an excuse. That is why I am looking into the matter. I have taken the matter seriously and I shall see that this defect is rectified."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN:—"I had brought to the notice of the Government the present address as well as the special cases in which travelling allowances are not paid. The Government have not taken steps. May I know the reason for this?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"The Government have taken steps. There is something wrong at the other end, Malabar. That is why I said that I am looking into the matter. I shall try my best to rectify this delay."

Public receptions in honour of Government servants.

* 442 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have passed any orders prohibiting, permitting or regulating the acceptance of dinners and other similar receptions got up in honour of (*a*) Executive Officers and (*b*) Judicial Officers, on the occasion of their transfer and otherwise; if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Yes. A copy[a] of rule 4 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules in force on the subject is placed on the table of the House."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—"Will the Government in furtherance of the spirit underlying the answer given to this question, completely prohibit the garlanding of officials from Ministers downwards?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"Personally, I would prefer non-garlanding. I do not like to have the cold bath that the garlands give. But the point is this. We have examined the rules and I found some flaws. I think at my instance all the Secretaries met. The present subsidiary rules carry things very far. According to these rules, much of the matter has been prohibited."

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SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" If dinners and parties are given or even garlanding is done to persons who are retiring or who are going from one place to another on transfer, it is in appreciation of their good services. What is there in this which should prompt the Government to issue instructions to prevent such dinners and parties and least of all garlanding? " 9-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I shall explain it. The rules as they stood for a long time made it wrong for a Government servant to receive public farewell entertainments; but it was right when it was private and informal. Subscriptions were raised on a voluntary basis to meet the expenses of such farewell entertainments. We thought that these voluntary subscriptions might deteriorate into compulsory extraction. Therefore, we have made the rules strict. There is no objection to garlanding and things like that. The objection is to the raising of funds for entertainments which may really involve a very high figure as far as expenses are concerned."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" In reply to the supplementary question put by Mr. Balakrishnan, the Hon. the Chief Minister was pleased to say that he did not personally like flower garlands because they had water in them. Does it mean that he likes lace garlands alone? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir. I would prefer yarn garlands so that I might use them for hanging myself if necessary."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" In paragraph 2 of the answer placed on the table of the House, it is mentioned that a Government servant may, at the request of any public body, sit for a portrait. What is a public body? Do two persons, that is more than one, make a public body? Or will a committee of hosts constitute a public body? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It says that a Government servant may, at the request of any public body, sit for a portrait, bust or statue not intended for presentation to him. It is easy to understand this. Even if two persons make a request, it must be on behalf of a public body."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" While appreciating the action of the Government in introducing such a rule, may I ask the Chief Minister whether he will issue instructions to local authorities and district authorities to stay, while they go on tour, in public buildings like the travellers' bungalow and not to stay in buildings owned by private persons? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think he is referring to Ministers more than to Government servants."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" My question is about Government officials? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Officials are subject to various rules of discipline and any specific rule to prevent them from staying here or staying there is totally unnecessary because the officials come under very strict discipline in such matters. But we must remember that after we have sent away foreign officials, it is not absolutely necessary, in the interests of democracy and proper administration, to outlaw, so to say, every Government servant from social contact."

Sale of breeding bulls in the Hosur Cattle Farm.

* 443 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a large number of breeding bulls are kept unsold in the Hosur Cattle Farm; and

(*b*) if so, what it is due to; and why they were not distributed for Livestock Improvement work in rural areas where they are badly required?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Animal Husbandry):—" (*a*) There are about 96 breeding bulls available for sale at the Hosur Farm.

" (*b*) There was no demand from the public for the purchase of the bulls on account of the unfavourable seasons and probably on account of the high price of the bulls.

The bulls could not be distributed for livestock development work in rural areas as the Government deferred during 1952–53 a scheme known as Government Male Stock Distribution Scheme under which bulls are given to custodians for making them available for service in the local areas."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Will the Government kindly consider the desirability of reducing the price of these bulls so that middle-class agriculturists may purchase them easily? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The matter is under the consideration of Government."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know why these bulls are kept idle in large numbers in this particular place? It is because these are not giving effective services or for any other reason? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is a farm in Hosur; that is why they are all there. It is not as if the bulls were taken to Hosur and segregated there. The trouble is there has been no demand for these bulls because of the ' high price '. The Government are considering whether it is possible to reduce the price of these bulls."